

Information for Students

**HOMEWORK
HOTLINE
298-6636**

Monday through Thursday, 4:00-8:00pm throughout the school year to assist students of all grade levels and their parents with homework questions. Help is available in English, Spanish, Kurdish, Arabic, Somalian, and Laotian.



Metro School requires Standard School Attire for students whose schools take part in that policy.

"Fun" Resources:



Colorin Colorado

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/>



Brain Pop ESL

<http://www.brainpopesl.com>



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Helpful information for
those who are new to
the ESL program in
Metro Nashville Public
Schools

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Information for Parents

Classroom Rules

I will tell your child the first day that I have only 2 rules: Respect and Cooperate. The Respect, of course, is for the principal, all the teachers, their classmates, and property. The Cooperate helps cover attitude. I spend some time talking about these being the basis of most of our manners, and I go back to these 2 basic words whenever "situations" arise.

Announcement

The 2010-2011 school year begins on Thursday, August 12, 2010, with new immunization requirements for pre-school, pre-K, kindergarten and 7th grade students. Information is available, in English and Spanish, at the following website:

<http://www.amquies.mnps.org/Page68374.aspx>

ESL Program

The Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools recognizes the importance of providing a quality educational program for **all** students, regardless of English proficiency or cultural background. We strive to ensure that our Limited English Proficient students attain English proficiency in all areas of language, develop high levels of academic achievement, and meet the same academic achievement standards as all children are expected to meet. By providing meaningful language learning in a student-centered, accepting environment, our Limited English Proficient students are empowered with the tools necessary to become a vital part of our culturally diverse community.

Once a child has been assessed and qualifies for the ELL program, parents or legal guardians may waive the ELL Program by signing the *Waiver Form*. One form will be placed in the student's cumulative folder and another will be placed in the ELL office files. Our program concentrates on teaching children oral, reading and writing skills in English only. Numerous District policies

and documents are available in Spanish, Kurdish, Somali, Arabic, Vietnamese and Farsi. Please contact your school for copies of these translations. Bilingual paraprofessionals are also available to assist you in ELL center schools.

Community Resources

Family Resource Center

Bethlehem Centers of Nashville

1417 Charlotte Avenue

Lead Agency: Bethlehem Centers of Nashville

Contact Person: Steve Fleming

Telephone: (615) 329-3386 Ext. 119

e-mail: steve_fleming@bcnash.org

Adult Basic Education Project

2240 Southpark Drive B, Murfreesboro, TN 37128

Telephone: 615-896-0876

“A Smile is the Same in Every Language”



Making Your Child Successful in the Metro Nashville Public Schools English as a Second Language Program.

Understand the Importance of English

Parents must first understand and believe in the importance of English language skills. Children are adept at picking up on parental attitudes. If children realize the adults in their lives don't think learning English is important, they will be less likely to approach the subject with a positive attitude.

- Set aside a time and place for homework
- Have resources available such as pens, paper, dictionaries
- Be willing to answer questions about homework when possible
- Ask about their school day and listen to concerns
- Ensure they eat a healthy breakfast before school
- Encourage them to get a good night's sleep